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I. POLICY

Each DJJ Juvenile Detention Center shall provide a social services program that makes available a range of resources to meet the needs of youth.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all state-operated detention centers.

III. DEFINITION

Not Applicable

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. The Social Service Program shall be administered and supervised by a person qualified and trained in the social or behavioral sciences.
- B. The goal of the social services program shall be to identify and build upon each individual youth's unique positive attributes and strengths in addition to identifying needs, risks and problems.
- C. The objectives of the Social Service Program shall be provision of social services during the youth's placement in detention.
- D. Each youth shall be assigned a Youth Counselor at intake. The Youth Counselor shall work under the supervision of the Facility Superintendent or qualified designee in coordinating the social service component of the program. The Youth Counselor:
 1. Shall provide or coordinate the provision of group, individual and family counseling as appropriate;
 2. Shall provide and arrange for mental health counseling and crisis intervention services in accordance with identified needs;
 3. Shall prepare summary reports for courts;
 4. Shall prepare resident release summaries if required;
 5. May make referrals to other social service and treatment programs;

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- 6. May coordinate or assist in the coordination of volunteer services and projects; and
- 7. Shall assist in the development and provision of recreational and special event programs/activities.
- E. The Youth Counselor shall assess the youth's ability to appropriately demonstrate acceptable behavior and verbally communicate and convey feelings as well as the youth's basic developmental needs. The Youth Counselor shall share relevant information with facility staff relating to the strengths and needs of the youth.
- F. Youth Counselors shall be available to counsel with youth as requested by a youth or other Detention staff.
- G. The Youth Counselor may work with the youth and family to ensure that appropriate community services are acquired to meet the specific needs of each youth.
- H. The Youth Counselor shall document all social service activities, counseling services and referrals in the youth's record.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

This activity shall be monitored by the Superintendent. The Division of Program Services shall conduct, at minimum, annual program audits.